

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed August 18, 2009. Claims 8-13 54-58, 60-65, and 68-72 were rejected and Claim 14 is allowed. Claims 59, 66, 67, 73, and 74 were objected to. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case in light of the preceding amendments and the following remarks.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of Claim 14. Applicants also appreciate Examiner's consideration and indication that Claims 59, 66, 67, 73, and 74 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 54, 57, 59, 61, 64, and 66 were rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite and failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention.

With respect to the rejection of Claim 59 and 66, these claims have been canceled and their limitations incorporated in Claims 54 and 61. Accordingly, Claims 54 and 61 have been amended to address the Examiner's rejection.

With respect to the rejection of Claims 54 and 61, Applicants previously amended these claims to recite that the "call manager" previously recited on line 7 of the claims (now recited in line 10 of amended Claim 54 and in line 11 of amended Claim 61) is a call manager of the plurality of call managers. Thus, Applicants believe that it is clear that this call manager can be any of the plurality of call managers. If the Examiner disagrees, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner suggest how the claim might be clarified to reflect this meaning.

With respect to the rejection of Claims 57 and 64, Applicants cannot understand the Examiner's rejection. The rejection states that, in these claims, "it is not clearly addressed at" and then cites part of the claim language. Applicants cannot determine what the Examiner means and believe that the meaning of the claim language is clear. Specifically, these claims recite that the first call manager transmits a polling message to a device and that the first call manager determines that the device has been removed from the control of the first call manager if the first call manager fails to receive a response to the polling message from the device. Again, if the Examiner does not find this language to be clear, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner suggest how the claim might be clarified.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 8-13, 54-56, 58, 60-63, 65, and 68-72 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,205,557 issued to Koan S. Chong et al. ("*Chong*") and U.S. Patent No. 6,671,262 issued to Fen-Chung Kung et al. ("*Kung*"). Applicants respectfully traverse and submit the cited art combinations, even if proper, which Applicants do not concede, does not render the claimed embodiment of the invention obvious.

As noted above, the Examiner has indicated that Claims 59, 66, 67, 73, and 74 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Although Applicants believe that claims are allowable without amendment, Applicants have amended independent Claims 54 and 61 to include the limitations of Claims 59 and 66, respectively, to expedite the allowance of this application. Therefore, Applicants believe that independent Claims 54 and 61 are in condition for allowance and respectfully request allowance of these claims, as well as the claims that depend from these claims.

In a further effort to expedite the allowance of this application, Applicants have canceled Claims 8-13.

CONCLUSION

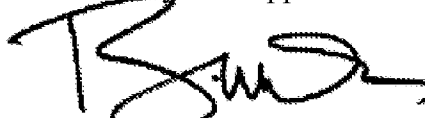
Applicants have made an earnest effort to place this case in condition for allowance in light of the amendments and remarks set forth above. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of all pending claims.

Applicants believe there are no fees due at this time; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees necessary or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2148 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicants' attorney at 512.322.5470.

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